

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(A)

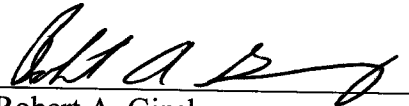
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 5, 2005

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance amending Ordinance
No. 99-138; to increase transit
fares, rates and charges

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler.


Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: April 5, 2005

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Burgess", written over the printed name of the County Manager.

Subject: Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 99-138; to increase transit fares, rates and charges

This ordinance amending Ordinance No. 99-138 to increase transit fares, rates, and charges will have a positive fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County.

The proposed ordinance will generate an additional \$25.4 million in fare revenues from May 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 as estimated by the Miami-Dade Transit Agency (\$7.05 million from May 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005 and \$18.35 million from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006). Upon research of other comparable transit agencies which have had recent fare increases, it was discovered that these agencies did not experience decreases in the number of boardings. Nevertheless, MDT's revenue projections include a 3% reduction in the number of boardings to compensate for any possible negative elasticity as a result of these fares and rate adjustments.

Estimated one-time expenses associated with the fare increase include advertising (\$125,000), signage (\$25,000), and overnight reprogramming of fareboxes, entry gates, parking meters, transfer machines, and bill changers (\$5,000). Recurring expenses include additional fare collectors, guard services, and supplies, which will be required for increased collection runs (\$120,000).

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Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-5-05

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 99-138
TO INCREASE TRANSIT FARES, RATES AND
CHARGES; AUTHORIZING SUBSEQUENT
REVISIONS TO THE SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT
FARES, RATES AND CHARGES ATTACHED TO SAID
ORDINANCE BY RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 2-150 OF THE CODE; AND
PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted a public hearing on the need to increase transit fares, rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, an increase in such fares, rates and charges as contained in the form attached hereto will provide nearly \$25.4 million in additional revenues for the operation of the Transit System, including Metrobus, Metrorail and Metromover through 2006,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The Miami-Dade Transit Agency Schedule of Transit Fares, Rates and Charges attached to Ordinance No. 99-138 is hereby revised effective May 1, 2005, to be as provided in the form attached hereto.

Section 2. Ordinance No 99-138 is further amended to provide that the schedule of transit fare, rates and charges attached hereto may be revised prospectively by resolution as provided by Sec. 2-150 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

Prepared by:

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.

Sponsored by Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler

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ATTACHMENT 1

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES AND CHARGES

I. Cash Fares¹

	Base <u>Fare</u>	Reduced <u>Fare</u> ²	Miami-Dade County Senior Citizens ³	<u>Tokens</u>
A. Metrobus or Metrorail	\$1.50	\$0.80	Free	One
B. Metromover	Free	Free	Free	N/A
C. Transfer from bus to bus bus to rail, or rail to bus	\$0.50	\$0.25	Free	N/A
D. Transfer from bus to mover	Free	Free	Free	N/A
E. Transfer from mover to bus	\$1.60	\$0.80	Free	One
F. Transfer from Metrorail to Metromover	Free	Free	Free	N/A
G. Transfer from Metromover to Metrorail	\$1.60	\$0.80	Free	One
H. Metrobus Express/Special	\$1.85	\$0.90	Free	One+ \$0.25
I. Metrobus Shuttle	\$0.25	\$0.10	Free	N/A
J. Parking fee-daily maximum	\$4.00*	4.00*	4.00*	Three
K. Parking fee-special events and Non-transit patron daily maximum	\$10.00*	10.00*	10.00*	N/A

* The Golden Pass and Patriot Passport holders are entitled to purchase a monthly parking. The reduced fare patrons must purchase a discount monthly pass in order for them to buy a monthly parking permit.

II. Special transportation Service Fares Rate Equal to \$2.50.

Minimum Per Trip	\$2.50	N/A	N/A	N/A
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III. Tokens

Package of ten tokens	\$14.50
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IV. Prepaid Passes⁵

A. Monthly Transit Pass ⁴	\$75.00
B. Discount Monthly Transit Passes ¹¹	\$37.50
C. Monthly Group Discount – 1 to 4 passes ⁶	\$70.00
D. Monthly Group Discount – 5 to 99 passes ⁶	\$67.50
E. Monthly Group Discount – 100 or more Passes ⁶	\$65.00
F. Monthly College Student Pass ⁷	\$56.25
G. Monthly Parking Permit ⁸	\$ 6.25
H. Weekly Transit Pass ⁹	\$ 19.00
I. Daily Passes ¹⁰	

V. Permits

Reduced Fare Permit ²	\$ 0.65
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VI. Special Event Fares-round trip fare is payable in advance. This service is free to patrons who present a Monthly Transit Pass or a Golden Passport. Discount fares do not apply.

A. Park and Ride	
1. 0 to 4.0 miles	\$ 5.00

2.	4.1 or more miles	\$ 8.75
3.	Sleep and Ride Service	\$18.75
B.	Special Event Shuttle -- Round Trip	\$ 1.25

VII. Charter Fares

A.	Non-Holiday Rate	
1.	First four hours	\$340.00
2.	Hourly rate for each additional hour	\$ 56.00
B.	Holiday Rate	
1.	First four hours	\$500.00
2.	Hourly rate for each additional hour	\$ 87.50
C.	Special Event Rate	
1.	First eight hours	\$1,125.00
2.	Hourly rate for each additional hour	\$ 87.50

VIII. MDT may establish other rates based on costs; promotional discounts may be authorized by the Miami-Dade Transit Director as limited by Section 2-150 (c) of the Miami-Dade County Code.

Footnotes:

- ¹ Under certain circumstances, lower fares may be charged on public bus transit service development and transit corridor projects if they comply with provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 341.052(2)(b).
- ² Applicable at all times on Metrobus and on Metrorail when using the Monthly Discount Fare Permit. Those patrons entitled to reduced fares are: a) youths through grade 12 with proper student identification, b) persons with disabilities as defined by MDT rules and have a MDT Reduced Fare Permit, and c) seniors 65 and above who do not have a Golden Passport, but have a Medicare card (not Medicaid) or MDT Reduced Fare Permit or government-issued photo identification.
- ³ Applicable at all times to permanent Miami-Dade County citizens age 65 and above who display a valid Golden Passport. Replacement of a Golden Passport costs \$5 for the first replacement, \$20 for the second replacement and \$50 for the third or more replacement. Fees are waived when a police report listing the Golden Passport as stolen is submitted. Golden Passports are issued only to Miami-Dade County citizens age 65 and above. Misuse of a Golden Passport will result in forfeiture of its use for one year.
- ⁴ Promotional discounts may be authorized by the Transit Agency Director as limited by Section 2-150(c) of the Miami-Dade County Code.
- ⁵ MDT may issue other prepaid media with price and rules determined from other portions of this rate schedule.
- ⁶ As restricted by Ordinance 86-45.
- ⁷ Sold only in bulk quantities to participating colleges, universities, or vocational/technical education centers within Miami-Dade County for individual sale to full-time students only, as restricted by Ordinance 88-83.
- ⁸ Available only when purchased in combination with a monthly pass except for Patriot Pass, Golden Passport and MDT employees who may purchase monthly parking permits without purchase of monthly pass.

- ⁹ When weekly passes sold to hotels as part of a promotional effort, hotels will be allowed to retain \$3 per weekly pass sold.
- ¹⁰ Daily Passes sold to students up to Grade 12 will be \$1.50; non-students or students above Grade 12 will be \$3.00.
- ¹¹ Available to any Medicare recipient (must show Medicare card at time of purchase), qualified people with disabilities, and Miami-Dade youth in grades 1-12 (with a valid permit/ID)